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## **ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 4, line 1, change "is" to --comprises--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "(a) is boiling" to --the boiling of--;

and add --is continued-- after "oocysts".